6-4-18 Minutes



Chair Mark Evans called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. He then led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Larry Prince gave the invocation.

Chair Mark Evans explained there was an addition of Alleghany High School Softball State Championship Resolution to the agenda before A. Spotlight Business.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

AGENDA Monday, June 4, 2018 6:30 pm

6:30 Meeting Called to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation Motion on Agenda for June 4th, 2018 Meeting Motion on Minutes from April 30th and May 7th, 2018

(Added: Alleghany High School Softball State Championship Resolution)

- A. 6:35 Spotlight Business Eric Thomas Funeral Service License LLC
- B. 6:45 <u>Public Agenda Comments</u>
- C. 7:00 April Hamm, Human Resources (Page 1-10)
 - 1. Sick Leave Policy
 - 2. EMS and Law Enforcement Accruals
- D. 7:20 <u>Yolanda Robinson, Department of Correction</u>
 - 1. Moral Reconation Training

E. Consent Agenda

- 1. General fund budget amendment # 23 in the amount of \$162,750 (Page 11)
- 2. Project Fund for Beamer Proceeds (Page 12)
- 3. Liability and Property and Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal (Page 13-20)
- 4. Charters of Freedom Agreement (Page 21)
- 5. McHugh Fuller Law Group Authority to Represent (Page 22-25)
- 6. Opioid Crisis Resolution (Page 26-27)
- 7. Branding Logo Contract (Page 28)

F. General Business

- 1. Next Steps for the Nuisance Ordinance (Page 29-37)
- 2. Action on Courthouse Wall/Streetscape
- G. Public Comments 30 minutes
- H. County Manager Comments
 - 1. Recap of Emergency Management Situation (Page 38-42)
 - 2. Upcoming fairgrounds events
- I. Commissioners Comments
- J. Adjourn

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from April 30th and May 7th, 2018. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James read the Alleghany County High School Varsity Softball State Championship Resolution. He recognized the team and coaches for their exceptional softball year and representing Alleghany County at such a level in the state.

Eric Thomas of Eric Thomas Funeral Service License LLC gave a brief overview of his business, his services and the process of his work.

Chair Mark Evans opened the floor for public agenda comments.

Molly Debose spoke about the charters of freedom and questioned where it would be located and figure out the usage of the documents for the youth.

Shirley Richardson spoke in favor of the nuisance Ordinance. She suggested to set some rules and encourage enforcement.

Ricky Brown said he felt the nuisance needed to be studied a little more like how the county could make it easier for people to clean up their property.

Bob Choate asked the board to continue to study the nuisance ordinance

Jim Halsey suggested community service, youth groups as volunteers to help with the issue. He said he felt it was to big an issue to drop it.

Seeing no other movement Chair Mark Evans closed that section.

April Hamm, Human Resource Officer went over the changes in the county sick leave sharing policy. She said they had to use it recently and had come across some changes they would like to make.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the changes.

Commissioner Larry Prince asked what the qualification were for someone to receive the sick time.

April Hamm explained, they must go through the proper with the FMLA, they must be in good standings with their department and supervisor and it does go through an approval process with the county manager.

Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

April Hamm then explained the accrual rates of annual and sick leave for the different hourly type jobs in the county.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the recommended changes presented by April Hamm. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Yolanda Robinson, Department of Correction explained the moral reconation training program that she oversees in Alleghany County. She explained that the program is to reintegrate the participants back into the community after their judicial service. Yolanda explained they were using space at Wilkes Community College's campus, but we informed they no longer had space or them, so they were looking for a location to hold classes and asked for any suggestions the Board may have.

Chair Mark Evans asked how many participants are during the class.

Yolanda Robinson explained 8-12 participants currently, but the class is open and participants at any point they can come and go.

Commissioner Larry Prince asked about the age of participants.

Yolanda Robinson explained most are 18-52 years old.

The board discussed a location to house the program.

The board discussed the charters of freedom letter of intent and concluded they wanted more information on the topic before moving forward.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to pull out the charters of freedom agreement from the consent agenda. Commissioner Tom Smith seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James mentioned the softball resolution needed to be added to the consent agenda.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to include the softball resolution into the consent agenda. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the modified consent agenda. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Mark Evans explained the background and the evolution of the nuisance ordinance.

Commissioner Larry Prince and Commissioner Bobby Irwin explained why they are in favor of moving forward with the ordinance.

Commissioner Tom Smith suggested voluntary options to help clean up properties.

The board then discussed the possible budget affects the ordinance may have.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the ordinance would be a live document and could be altered by the board whenever needed. The board discussed the next step Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to put the latest version out for 30 days for public input and then 30 more days for public hearing. Vote 4:1 (Commissioner Smith)

County Manager Mike James explained the streetscape options

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to table the topic for further clarification and pricing.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said it's a shame to have streetscape happening and have the old wall still there.

Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Mark Evans opened the floor for public comments. Seeing no movement, he closed that section.

County Manager Mike James explained an emergency management situation and wanted to inform the citizens of the mercury in a grandfather clock. He then went over the fairgrounds events and showed the scrolling information on the county website. Next, he went over small business classes coming up through Wilkes Community College. Next, he asked about the first July meeting.

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to cancel the first July meeting. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James explained he would not be available for the August 6th meeting and will need to reschedule somehow. He then informed the public of USDA assistance for people that have any recent farm damage from the floods and weather.

Chair Mark Evans shared some information from the County Assembly day. He said currently there is \$50,000 for Piney Creek Volunteer Fire Department from Representative Deanna Ballard's budget. He then said there were committees for school safety concerns and to help increase the funding.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said fiber fest was a tremendous success and music on main was great. He noted July 14th is the last day to get your brick orders in.

Commissioner Tom Smith said good things going on in Alleghany County.

Commissioner John Irwin commended the maintenance staff for all their hard work to get ready for the fiber fest event. He encouraged citizens to come and be apart of the budget process. He noted all the challenges that face the county budget this year. He encouraged the candidates to come be a part of the discussions.

Commissioner Larry Prince was appreciative of the healthy discussion concerning the garbage ordinance and was glad for some action and wanted the board to keep looking for the best way to implement it.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

Respectfully Submitted, Attest:

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Clerk to the Board Chair of the Board